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FOLLOWS "UNCORRECTED TEXT" OF CHANCELLOR'S PRESS CONFERENCE,  
BERLIN, MAY 7, OBTAINED TODAY FROM FEDERAL PRESS OFFICE.

"ADENAUER: THE FATE OF BERLIN IS A VERY ESSENTIAL PART OF THE TOTAL LINE OF TENSION IN THE WORLD AND FOR US GERMANS NATURALLY A PART WHICH TOUCHES US VERY DEEPLY PSYCHOLOGICALLY. THIS IS ALSO TRUE OF THE ZONE AND THE UNHAPPY GERMANS DOOMED TO LIVE IN THE ZONE. I WANT TO SAY INITIALLY NON-POLITICALLY BUT PUBLICLY HERE BEFORE THE WHOLE PUBLIC, THAT THESE ALSO ARE REALITIES FOR EVERY GERMAN, THAT THE BERLIN QUESTION AND THE QUESTION OF THE ZONE ARE SHOWN ALSO IN THE PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEM AND THAT THERE IS FOR US A FIELD OF DEEP SORROW AND DEEP WORRY, OF SORROW AND WORRY WHICH NATURALLY MUST SOMEHOW INFLUENCE POLITICAL DECISIONS, TOO. FOR THIS EVERYBODY, EVERY NON-GERMAN TOO, MUST HAVE UNDERSTANDING. IF THE BERLINERS CAN LIVE IN FREEDOM, IF THE GERMANS IN THE ZONE CAN LIVE IN FREEDOM AS THEY WANT TO LIVE, THEN I BELIEVE MANY A POLITICAL PROBLEM COULD BE SOLVED MUCH BETTER THAN NOW.

"THE NATO CONFERENCE ENDED YESTERDAY, AS YOU KNOW. I AM INFORMED ABOUT THE MEETING IN DETAIL, PARTLY BY TELEPHONE, PARTLY BY CABLE. YESTERDAY I HAD A LONG TALK WITH MINISTER SCHROEDER, WHO

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CALLED ME FROM ROME. I WAS ALSO INFORMED YESTERDAY BY V. BRENTANO WHO SAW ME A FEW HOURS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL TO REPORT TO ME ON WHAT HE HAD EXPERIENCED IN THE U.S. I THINK I CAN SAY THEREFORE THAT I, IN FACT, AM RATHER WELL INFORMED TODAY ON THE FOREIGN POLICY SITUATION.

"FIRST OF ALL I THINK THAT WE CAN WELCOME THE NATO MEETING WITH GREAT PLEASURE. FLYING HERE, I READ IN THE GERMAN PRESS CERTAIN CRITICISM OF THE NATO MEETING. IN MY OPINION THIS CRITICISM IS NOT JUSTIFIED. THE NATO MEETING HAS CONCLUDED A NUMBER OF VERY DIFFICULT QUESTIONS AND THIS UNANIMOUSLY. QUESTIONS WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARED BY SEC. GEN. STIKKER BY LONG AND THROUGH WORK MAINLY IN WASHINGTON AND PARTLY IN THE NATO COUNCIL IN PARIS.

I BELIEVE THAT WE GERMANS SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO SEC. GEN. STIKKER FOR THIS WORK WHICH HE HAS BEEN PERFORMING NOW FOR OVER A YEAR. I HAVE KNOWN STIKKER FOR A GOOD MANY YEARS AND WE HAVE VERY GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONS. THE CONDUCT OF THE NATO MEETING HAS TO BE CREDITED MAINLY TO HIS INDEFATIGABLE WORK. WE SHOULD EXPRESS OUR SPECIAL THANKS TO HIM FOR HIS GREAT UNDERSTANDING FOR THE BERLIN QUESTION AND FOR THE GERMAN QUESTION. THE MOST IMPORTANT RESULT OF ATHENS CAN BE SUMMARIZED IN ONE SENTENCE:

THE UNITY OF THE FREE WEST. IF YOU THINK BACK TO THE MINISTERS MEETING OF NATO IN 1961 -- UNLESS MY MEMORY FAILS ME IT WAS IN DECEMBER -- THERE THE UNITY OF THE FREE PEOPLE IN THE WEST DID NOT LOOK GOOD; AND THE UNITY OF THE FREE PEOPLE OF THE WEST, I AM CONVINCED, IS THE BEST ASSET OF FREEDOM. THE EAST OBSERVES VERY CLOSELY WHETHER CRACKS APPEAR IN WESTERN UNITY AND THEY DO THEIR BEST TO CREATE SUCH CRACKS EVENTUALLY. I BELIEVE THAT THE POLICY OF THE EAST TO A LARGE DEGREE LIVES ON THE BELIEF THAT THE WEST ONE DAY WOULD BECOME DISUNITED. THIS NATO MEETING HAS STRONGLY UNDERSCORED THIS UNITY, AND THE FATE OF BERLIN DEPENDS ON THE UNITY OF THE WEST. THE WHOLE POLITICAL FUTURE IN THE EAST OF GERMANY FINALLY DEPENDS ON THE UNITY OF THE WEST AND I THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT WE CAN BE VERY SATISFIED WITH THE WAY THIS NATO CONFERENCE WENT.

"YOU WILL NOT EXPECT ME TO GO INTO DETAILS. YOU KNOW THE COMMUNIQUE COMMUNIQUES ARE ALWAYS PARTLY TRUE, AND PARTLY NOT SO COMPLETE.

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"I AM ALSO VERY PLEASED WITH THE REPORT THAT V. BRENTANO GAVE ME YESTERDAY. NATURALLY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BRENTANO TRIP TO THE U.S. THERE WAS SPECULATION IN THE PRESS -- I DON'T WANT TO NAME THE PRESS -- ABOUT JEALOUSIES. I REFER TO THE ARTICLE BY INGRIM (BONNER RUNDSCHAU, MAY 7). I READ IT ON THE TRIP HERE, ABOUT THE JEALOUSIES BETWEEN THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND V. BRENTANO. I WANT TO TELL YOU THE FOLLOWING:

THE TASKS WITH WHICH WE GERMANS ARE CONFRONTED IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN POLICY ARE SO TREMENDOUS AND SO DIFFICULT THAT BY HEAVEN NOBODY SHOULD DARE TO SAY HE ALONE COULD DO IT. WHOEVER IS IN THE POSITION AND PREPARED TO HELP IS VERY WELCOME WITH HIS WORK AND HIS HELP, BE HE A GERMAN OR A NON-GERMAN. LET ME TELL YOU ONE MORE THING. THIS IS 1962, THE INVOLVED COMPLICATION (VERKNAEUELUNG) -- I DO NOT KNOW A BETTER EXPRESSION -- OF POLITICAL RELATIONS IN THE WORLD ORIGINATED 17 YEARS AGO AND HAS CONSTANTLY CONTINUED, AND NOBODY SHOULD IMAGINE THAT THE WORLD CAN BE FREED OF THIS COMPLICATION WITHIN A FEW YEARS. AS THIS COMPLICATION HAS GROWN WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, THERE WILL BE TIME NEEDED TO UNTIE THIS COMPLICATED KNOT. THEREFORE ONE SHOULD NOT EXPECT A SUDDEN SUNRISE IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN POLICY FOLLOWED BY A BEAUTIFUL CLOUDLESS DAY. IT BELIEVE YOU LEAST OF ALL ARE PRONE TO DO THAT. BUT I WANT TO SAY THIS NOW AND ASK YOU TO TELL IT TO YOUR READERS, THAT ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN POLICY PATIENCE, PATIENCE AND AGAIN PATIENCE IS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE.

"THE REPORT BY V. BRENTANO, WHICH HE GAVE ME LAST NIGHT, WAS ALSO OF THE KIND TO GIVE NEW SUPPORT TO MY INFREQUENT OPTIMISM. HE HAD TALKS OVER THERE WITH THE PRESIDENT, HIS DEPUTY AND OTHER GENTLEMEN OF THE ADMINISTRATION, ALSO WITH SENATORS OF THE TWO PARTIES AND FOUND VERY GREAT UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP FOR THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND FOR GERMAN QUESTIONS. WHAT V. BRENTANO TOLD ME YESTERDAY CONFORMED FOR ME WHAT AN AMERICAN HAD TOLD ME ON FRIDAY, WHOM I CONSIDER AN EXCELLENT JUDGE OF PUBLIC OPINION IN THE US BECAUSE OF HIS NATURAL INTELLIGENCE AND BECAUSE OF HIS POSITION -- HE HAS NO OFFICIAL POSITION. DON'T BE CROSS IF I SAY NOW, THANK GOD HE IS NO JOURNALIST BECAUSE JOURNALISTS ARE SOMETIMES SOMEWHAT INHIBITED AND JUSTIFIABLY SO, THEY CANNOT ALWAYS WRITE AS THEY WOULD LIKE. MORE COMING D